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NO WAY! DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO!!
AREN'T YOU BEING RUDE?
COMMEMORATION OF THE 10TH VOLUME-!!
Should we celebrate in commemoration of the 10th volume?

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Mastermind of the Magahara family and Mizuki's grandmother. She makes sure that the Magahara family continues to prosper, and will do anything to ensure it.
Magahara Yae
A member of the Magahara household who possesses extraordinary powers. Although he looks young, he is actually quite old.
Magahara Touya
A member of the Tengen household. He comes off as extremely loud and obnoxious, but amongst all the members of the Magahara household, he is the only one who understands Mizuki.
Magahara Nanase
Enomoto Kazura
A kind-hearted high school student who hates being harassed. She's a very responsible person and extremely energetic as well. Will moving into the Magahara household turn her life completely upside down?!

● Enomoto Kazura was raised by her caring grandfather and grandmother. She is a lively, high school girl who hates any sort of illicit activities. But, in a twist of fate, her grandfather requested in his will, to give Kazura to Magahara Mizuki, and so she became Mizuki's fiancee.

Magahara Akari
She is Mizuki's step-sister and is seen by many to be the next head of the family. She lives with her mother away from the main family.
The Student Council president for the middle school section. It seems she was chosen to be Mizuki's true fiancee. She's constantly picking on Kazura.
Magahara Shizuku
Magahara Mizuki
A high school student who is in-charge of the Magahara family's affairs. He is also a natural born strategist. Although he hates his surroundings he acts like a good person in front of everybody and pretends to be a model student
Inui Kaito
Mizuki's distant relative who is responsible for helping Mizuki around the house. He is also responsible for taking care of Mizuki if anything happens.

- Although Mizuki is the head of the family as well as the only one in the family who has the power of resurrection, he is despised by the family due to his illegitimate birth. It is also due to this reason that Mizuki has harboured feelings of loathing against the family.
- Mizuki possesses an extreme way of thinking that may have been due to the nature of his work. Kazura was repulsed by his debasing personality. However, Mizuki's cousin, Nanase, feels that Kazura may be the only one who can change him.
- Despite their conflicts and differences, Kazura and Mizuki have managed to build a relationship based on mutual understanding with each other. Everyone felt that they could continue with their positive relationship. However, Mizuki has said that 'He will end this family with his own hands' but Akari has just told Kazura the possible dangers of the power that the head possesses. What will Kazura do to stop him?

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Take40

After the summer break,
Otowa Private High will begin career counselling.
SFX. STUNNED—
THIS IS BAD...
OF COURSE IT IS!
HUH?!
What?
IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
ON A COSMIC LEVEL!
あ
SFX. AH!
So many earthquakes, typhoons, and blackouts this year..
Mother Nature sure is scary when she's mad.
Is everybody okay? ^^!
Whining just before the manuscript is due.
Sally
Fujita Maki's Summer 2004

Geez
DO YOU WANT TO JUST CONTINUE ON TO OTOWA COLLEGE, OR DO YOU WANT TO APPLY TO ANOTHER UNIVERSITY?
I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT IT I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE MONEY
No!
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.
I haven't even thought about what I want to be when I grow up!
All of this started because I owed him money!
I can't borrow from him anymore!
And Mom is coming in three days!!
I'm just being a good Samaritan.
KAZURA-CHAN...
きゃあ
SFX. HIYAH!
Hehe
LOOKS LIKE THE TWO OF YOU ARE GETTING ALONG WELL, AS USUAL.
You are so annoying!
SFX. KYAAAA
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I'll go!
Haha, your wish is my command.
I definitely have to go!
NANASE!
THERE'S A CAKE SHOP I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT IN TOWN. CARE TO JOIN ME?
YOUR MAJESTY AND HIS PRINCESS.♡
Hehe...
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D LET YOU GO OFF ON YOUR OWN THAT EASILY.
IT COULDN'T BE THAT HE TRUSTS ME NOW, IS IT?

OH! I HEARD THAT YOUR SCHOOL IS GOING TO HAVE CAREER COUNSELLING SOON?
CHOKE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'NOW'?
MIZUKI HAS ALWAYS KNOWN THAT YOU WERE ON OUR SIDE, NANASE!
EHH..
SIGH-
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT COLLEGE I WANT TO GO TO...
IF I DON'T DECIDE SOON, MY MOM IS GOING TO KILL ME
MM-
OH, RIGHT! NANASE, YOU BECAME A VETERINARIAN RIGHT?
WAS IT BECAUSE YOU LIKE ANIMALS?
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NO WAY.
NANASE—
YEAH... MY UNCLE
HE'S A STAR IN THE MAGAHARA FAMILY.
—UNLIKE ME.
OR WAS IT BECAUSE YOUR FAMILY WAS IN THE BUSINESS?
AH CLOSE ENOUGH, I GUESS.
MY DAD WAS AN OFFICE WORKER BUT MY UNCLE WAS A DOCTOR
A doctor for people.
A doctor!
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING!

Confessions of an Idiot, SP<7

For the people meeting me for the first time, and for the people meeting me again, it's nice to see you.

Yes!

Even I couldn't believe it myself! To everyone reading this book, all the angels that have been helping me, all the editors that have been teaching me, the publishers and the bookstores, thank you all very very much! I said this in the 9th volume as well, but I really do want to repay you all somehow. Please stick with me till the end!

KAZURA-CHAN, I'M...

THAT "DAMN BASTARD" THAT NOBODY CARES ABOUT.

TOMYA~ WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HUH?
HUH?
I TOLD YOU, YOU DON'T NEED TO COME.
FINE
HOW COULD I LET AN OLD GEEZER GO OFF ON HIS OWN?
Crap! A mosquito bit me!
I HEARD THERE ARE SOME WILD BOARS AROUND HERE!
WHOSE GRAVE IS THIS?
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WAS HERE BEFORE US.

BECAUSE SHE'S NOT AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE MAGAHARA FAMILY...?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO ASK?
TO A HERETIC,
IT WOULD BE LIKE THE VIRGIN MARY'S
SO... THIS IS MIZUKI'S-
THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW SHE'S DEAD
WHY IS IT OVER HERE?
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
EVEN MIZUKI DOESN'T KNOW THE DAY SHE DIED
ARE ALL THINGS KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW
HER ENTERING THE FAMILY, HER REASONS FOR DOING SO, AND HER DEATH

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A PRETTY AVERAGE GUY MY GRADES WEREN'T BAD EITHER.
GUESS IT WAS PROBABLY MY UNCLE'S INFLUENCE THAT MADE ME WANT TO BECOME A DOCTOR
I'VE NEVER REALLY STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT THE 'WHY' OR THE 'HOW'. I JUST WANTED TO BE ONE

THEN... WHY CHOOSE TO BE AN ANIMAL DOCTOR?
Well~

THEN... WHO COULD HAVE COME EARLIER?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

THERE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE ELSE OUT THERE
WHO ALSO WANTS TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS

"TOO BOTHERSOME"?
MMM
YEP.
SEE IF YOU HAVE A HUMAN FOR A PATIENT. YOU'D HAVE A LOT MORE TO TAKE CARE OF, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T HAVE THIS MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT WITH ANIMALS.
LIKE IF THEY DIED WHILE YOU WERE OPERATING OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
DON'T WORRY! DON'T WORRY
REGARDLESS EVEN IF YOU DO MANAGE TO GET YOUR LICENSE I'M STILL TELLING EVERYONE TO STAY AWAY FROM YOU
I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!
SO DID IT PUT YOU OFF A BIT?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
NO... UMM...
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WHEN WE FIRST HEARD ABOUT THEM, HIS MOTHER WAS ALREADY HOSPITALIZED, AND THEY WERE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY.
MIZUKI WAS THE ONE TAKING CARE OF HIS MOTHER, ALL BY HIMSELF
SO THE MAGAHARAS TOLD HIM,
IF YOU COME WITH US, WE'LL HELP YOU CURE YOUR MOM.
AND THE ONE CHOSEN TO BE THE MESSENGER WAS MY FATHER.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I WAS RAISED AS A MAGAHARA.
IT'S JUST THE WAY I AM
IT WAS ACTUALLY MY DAD WHO WENT TO GET MIZUKI
WHEN HE ENTERED THE FAMILY
WHAT...

BACK THEN, I USED TO THINK MY DAD WAS SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW A THING, AND WAS OVER-CAUTIOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING
HE FELT BAD ABOUT IT THEN,
BUT NOW, IT'S MORE OF A "THAT'S JUST THE WAY THINGS ARE" KIND OF FEELING
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LET THEM GO, AND DON'T WANT TO DISOBEY THE HIGHER-UPS EITHER,
YOU'RE NOT PROTECTING THAT MOTHER AND SON
OUT OF PITY, ARE YOU?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT UP, AND TRULY BECOME AN OBEDIENT DOG?
THIS WAY AT LEAST YOU'LL HAVE AN EXCUSE FOR YOURSELF
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Ah, I
THE TEA'S GONE COLD LET'S ORDER ANOTHER ONE.
Excuse me!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D SEEN HIM CRY
NEVER AGAIN DID HE SHED EVEN A SINGLE TEAR
SHAKE
SHAKE
OKAY, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS STUFF ANYMORE
SORRY ABOUT THAT ALL THE DELICIOUS CAKE IS RUINED NOW.
ANYWAY, THE REST OF IT IS HISTORY
MY FATHER DID HIS JOB AND MIZUKI JOINED THE FAMILY FOR HIS MOM

HIS MOM WAS THEN SENT TO THE MAGAHARAS IN SECRET,
AND MY UNCLE WAS TO TAKE CARE OF HER.
BUT, RATHER THAN SAYING SHE WAS TAKEN CARE OF, IT'S BETTER TO SAY SHE WAS MOSTLY IGNORED.
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS BED-RIDDEN, SHE WAS STILL VERY BEAUTIFUL.
Hm.
IT FELT NICE TAKING CARE OF HER
SO I USED TO VISIT HER A LOT
MIZUKI...
IS HE DOING ALRIGHT?

White, alabaster skin,
Delicate wrists,
And a soft honeyed voice.
This is
the so-called "vixen" who
"bewitched the former Master".
I SEE
I'M NOT IN CHARGE OF THAT
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
Sigh,
Having seen her once should be enough right?
Why do I keep coming back?
NANASE!
IS THAT THING STILL ALIVE?
AH... YES, SHE IS
HOW TROUBLE-SOME
SHE HAS TO BURDEN US TILL THE VERY END

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WHERE IS THE NEW MASTER?
Go outside if you're going to smoke!
HE'S AT THE TEMPLE, PRAYING FOR THE POWER OF RESURRECTION.
You don't have to be so mean, Grandpa.
Even though we can't help but rely on that "useless brat",
The anger towards him still remains.
Scary grandpa
REALLY NOW
WE'VE ALREADY TOLD THEM THAT KAZUKI'S CHILD IS NO GOOD. BUT THE HIGHER-UPS JUST WON'T LISTEN.
SO, YOU ARE STUDYING TO BECOME A VET, HUH..
YOU'D MAKE A REALLY GOOD ONE
Their resentment only grows deeper
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS

WOULDN'T... IT HAVE BEEN BETTER
IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE MAGAHARA'S KID?
IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, EVEN IF YOU TRY TO SWEET-TALK ME. I CAN'T HELP YOU
WHY...?
YOU STILL ASK WHY?...
AT LEAST THEN IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LIKE IT IS NOW
YOU WOULD NOT BE STUCK LIKE THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!
HAH. NO WONDER.
YOU'D DEFINITELY MAKE A GOOD DOCTOR.

CALMLY
YEAH, RIGHT!
SHE CAN'T DO A THING RIGHT NOW!
SFX: PUFF PUFF
NOTHING.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
EVEN IF I DO KEEP GOING BACK THERE,
How many packs are you smoking in a day?
Saying unnecessary things like "you'll become a good doctor"...
Is her head screwed on the wrong way?
She should worry about herself first!
ALL I CAN DO IS EASE HER PAIN AND CALMLY SEND HER OFF WITH A SMILE.

Could someone on the brink of death transcend everything else?
The Mugaharas, her son, everything
Is it all not important anymore?
OI!!
But... How is it that she can still smile?
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WAIT...
NO!
Is she just going to go like this?!
WAKE UP!!
WHAT IS GOING ON?!
.....
DOC..TOR..?

AH...
IS THERE ANYTHING...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO DO FOR YOU?
DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL WISHES?
!
AM I...
ALMOST DEAD...?
HEY...
UNCLE?!

...LET ME TAKE
ALL THE TRIALS THAT CHILD MAY SUFFER...
WITH ME TO MY GRAVE...

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HER LAST WISH WASN'T "I WANT TO SEE MY SON AGAIN",
BUT RATHER TO TAKE AWAY ALL HIS SUFFERING
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
I THINK THAT WAS PROBABLY THE LAST GLIMPSE OF HER THAT WE'LL GET
STEP
STEP
HER BODY CAN'T BE TAKEN OUTSIDE DURING THE CLEANSING RITUAL
TRULY A MOTHER IN THE GREATEST SENSE
SO, SHE DIED?
USING HER OWN FLESH AND BLOOD TO NURTURE A CHILD FOR NINE MONTHS AND THEN GAMBLING WITH HER VERY LIFE TO GIVE BIRTH
YOU, HER SON, AND EVERYONE ELSE,
ALL WERE GIVEN LIFE THE SAME WAY
I SEE...

SHE NEVER SAID SHE WAS SCARED,
OR THAT IT HURTS.
YEAH
SHE WAS ALWAYS SMILING
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WERE AROUND
WHY?
PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE WAS HAPPY
WHAT?
SHE USED TO CHEER UP WHENEVER YOU CAME TO VISIT
SHE ALWAYS USED TO LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISITS.
SHE WAS VERY GRATEFUL YOU WERE THERE.

DIDN'T YOU THINK PEOPLE DYING ON YOU WAS "TOO BOTHER-SOME"?
ISN'T THIS NICE?
I'll be going now.
THERE WAS A PATIENT THAT YOU DIDN'T NEED TO TAKE CARE OF AREN'T YOU LUCKY?
Nevermind
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CARE ANYWAY
I didn't care for her at all...
I'M NOT LUCKY AT ALL!
I'M NOT LUCKY
I didn't even put any effort into her care...

I can't.

There's no point in being grateful.

Don't make me realize that

I can't get a second chance anymore.

To someone who doesn't even have an ounce of compassion in them.

Someone like me would actually have feelings for other people.

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I DIDN'T TALK TO HER MUCH. I COULDN'T EVEN LIE AND SAY, "YOUR SON IS DOING GREAT"
WHAT SHE THOUGHT OF ME,
OR WHETHER HER SMILE WAS FOR HERSELF, OR FOR HER SON, WHEN SHE FINALLY LEFT THIS WORLD...
IT WAS ONLY AFTER HER DEATH THAT I REALIZED...
THOSE WERE THE QUESTIONS I NEVER GOT TO ASK
LIFE IS TRULY A PRECIOUS THING.

THIS...
IS VERY HUMILIATING.
NANASE...
WHENEVER I THINK BACK ABOUT THIS,
Aha ha ha ha
I ALWAYS WONDER, "WHAT THE HECK WAS I DOING BACK THEN?"
TREATING A SICKLY MOTHER LIKE A HOSTAGE, KEEPING SEVEN KIDS LOCKED UP INSIDE THE HOUSE, PRAYING FOR THE MOTHER TO DIE EARLY.
LIKE IT'S THE MOST HUMANE THING EVER.
IT IS ALL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE TO TALK ABOUT... AND NOT REALLY SOMETHING TO JOKE AROUND ABOUT EITHER.

I DISCOVERED HOW TRULY DESPICABLE I WAS
AFTER I REALISED THAT I DIDN'T HAVE THAT "THAT'S THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE" ATTITUDE ANYMORE,
LET'S GO
STEP
Yeah!

DID YOU KNOW?
I'VE ALWAYS RESPECTED YOU, KAZURA-CHAN
Re-
Re-Re-Respected?!
You didn't KNOW?!
SOMETHING I COULDN'T EVEN COMPREHEND AT THAT AGE
YOU WERE ABLE TO PERCEIVE AND UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY
AND... YOU BECAME A SUPPORT FOR MIZUKI.
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KAZURA-CHAN,
EVEN THOUGH I BECAME A VETERINARIAN,
I..
SOMEONE WHO CAN RESPECT PEOPLE,
SOMEONE WHO CAN LOVE PEOPLE WITHOUT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE LIKE THAT..
MY TRUE DESIRE IS TO BECOME AN "HONEST PERSON"..

GUILTY TIME OVER!
Cheers
Cheers
Cheers
YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE THAT COLLEGE THING UNATTENDED
IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, THEN JUST SPEAK YOUR MIND YOU'VE GOT YOUR ENTIRE FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU!
YEAH, I THINK SO TOO
Always facing me with a smile...
Protecting me...

So different from someone like me, who only cares about the present

Even though I used to think he was just someone helping out Mizuki...

Although I don't have any goals in mind, and can't see myself having any in the future...

It turns out he's so much more than that

There should still be something that I can do.

Considering everything carefully, and then getting things done.

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I WILL DEFINITELY REFLECT OVER IT!
I WILL THINK ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY!
THAT'S GOOD THEN.
I WANTED TO TOSS YOU OUT THE WINDOW AT FIRST,
MOM...
BUT SINCE YOU'RE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS SERIOUSLY, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.
CHUCKLE

IT'S OVER!
ENOMOTO -SAN. SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING PLEASE COME IN.
OH, ALRIGHT
TIME TO GO!
SEE, IT WASN'T THAT BAD
PUSH
MMHM! YOU WERE RIGHT!
JUST TELL THE TEACHER WHAT YOU JUST TOLD ME

EVERY YEAR,
WHENEVER THIS DAY COMES AROUND, I FEEL LIKE FINDING SOMEONE TO TALK TO
BUT KAZURA-CHAN, YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE TO ACTUALLY LISTEN
SO UNTIL THEN... CAN YOU KEEP IT A SECRET?
♡
I PLAN ON TELLING MIZUKI THIS TOO SOME DAY.
Even though he says that...
I think everything should be alright.

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It really does make me feel
So very happy
Hearing Mizuki say he'd always be with me
I'm really thankful
That Grandfather didn't die alone.
WHAT...?
NO-THING.
♫

ANGER
YOU'RE NOT MAKING SUSA-SAN YOUR GUARDIAN, ARE YOU?!
WHAT? HE'S AN OLD COOT ANYWAY...
I'M WAITING FOR SUSA.
OH, RIGHT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ANYWAY?
DON'T YOU HAVE COUNSELLING TODAY TOO?
Beep!

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Today is Otowa Private High's career counseling day.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MIZUKI.

HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?

BUT, IT'S YOUR BEING WELL THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT HERE.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, GRANDMOTHER YAE.

What I don't do to mess up all my friends who are on diets! I'll probably be cursed behind my back for this. (Hehe)

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WHAT A STRANGE ATMOSPHERE.
Impending awkward-ness!
Alert!
DO I... MAKE YOU FEEL UNCOM-FORTABLE?
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU HAD A CAREER COUNSELING MEETING TODAY SO, I CAME.
OH,
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ON THIS FINE DAY?

THIS MATTER COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE TRIVIAL YOUR FUTURE IS VERY IMPORTANT AFTER ALL
There was a two second pause that shouldn't have been there!
OH NO! NOT AT ALL!
Smile!
Smile!
Smile!
Smile!
They're sorry
I HAVE TO BE A PART OF THIS
I WAS ONLY THINKING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TROUBLED YOURSELF FOR SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL
I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE TROUBLED YOU SO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDE-RATION
BUT, ONLY IF YOU DON'T OBJECT TO IT OF COURSE

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WHOOSH
What a strong blast of wind!
Has this turned into the North Pole?!
IS THIS OMINOUS FEELING I HAVE JUST MY PARANOIA?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT OUT ALIVE
.....
MIZUKI WANTED ME TO LET YOU KNOW
THE PERSON WHO GOT CAUGHT HIDING

WELL
SO, HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN HIS GUARDIAN?
YEAH, EVER SINCE I STARTED WORKING FOR MIZUKI
Actually, she said, let's all go out to dinner after we're done here!
AHA HA HA
MIZUKI SHOULD BE FINE, I GUESS, WITH THOSE GOOD GRADES OF HIS
Hahaha
BUT, YAE-SAMA ACTUALLY CAME THIS TIME!
YEAH
I guess there's no escaping now
Sigh
SO..
WHAT DOES MIZUKI PLAN ON DOING IN THE FUTURE?

How far ahead into the future did Mizuki plan for exactly?
I THOUGHT
HE WOULD'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT IT
NOPE. HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING TO ME
He's not the type of person who would discuss things with me
No, actually, more importantly—
.....
ENOMOTO-SAN?
You okay?
BADUMP!
I just...
Thought of something truly frightening
What?
BADUMP!

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I will end the Magahara line with me
Which means
That's not really that far from now!
EEP!
AHHH! NO!!
FREAKS OUT
E Eno-moto-san?!
WHA...?
HUH?
HUH?
WHACK!

YOU
SHIZUKU-CHAN!
That, uh, kinda hurt...
ARE JUST AS EMBARRASSING AS ALWAYS!
EH?
Geez!
WHAT'S WITH THESE WEIRD RUMOURS GOING A ROUND?!
Ah——!
Eh? What's going on here?! Enomoto-san?!
Who's that guy?!
He's so cute! So Sexy!
.....
Ahaha
SORRY

SOMETHING SCARY JUST HAPPENED
Oh, thank you
HERE.
WHAT?
WHAT WERE YOU GUYS WHISPERING ABOUT OVER THERE ANYWAY?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT...
How should I put this
AH! YOU MADE IT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION! ♡
THANKS
Does she even get it?
What?!
GRANDMA YAE'S HERE?!
Nod Nod Nod
FOR ONIICHAN'S COUNSELLING...?!

YOU GUYS HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
WHY?
SHE'S PROBABLY GOT SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE
MEETING ROOM B
MAGAHARA-KUN'S GRADES HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT EVER SINCE HE ENROLLED
HE'S ALSO BEEN A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
I...
I'VE ONLY HEARD RUMOURS ANYWAY...
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She doesn't show up for Back to School Night or for 'Open house'
But decides to show up now. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out why
IF YOU CONTINUE LIKE THIS, WE CAN EASILY RECOMMEND YOU
THANK YOU
INTO ANY DEPARTMENT OF OUR COLLEGE
She just wants to keep me from being promoted into college!
If that's how it's going to be—
YOU ALSO HAVE A LOT OF POTENTIAL IF YOU WANT TO APPLY TO AN OUTSIDE COLLEGE
WHAT DO YOU SAY, MAGA-HARA-KUN?
WE CAN RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOU—
I WANT TO ATTEND OUR COLLEGE'S SCHOOL OF LAW.
I HAVE TO MAKE MY MOVE NOW!

"SOMEONE WHO PAINTS",
"SOMEONE WHO BUILDS BRIDGES",
"AN EDITOR" -- I REMEMBER HEARING ALL OF THOSE THINGS FROM YOU.
AH, I SEE
YES I'VE ALREADY READ A FEW OF KUSUMI-SENSEI'S WORKS
HE'S A VERY UNIQUE PERSON, AND I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE FROM HIM.
YOU WERE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING HERE ALL ALONG THEN?
OH MY, I'M SURE HE WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!
HE EVEN HELPED ME OUT A LITTLE WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE
EVEN THOUGH OUR LAW SCHOOL'S A LITTLE HARD TO QUALIFY FOR, BUT I'M SURE IF IT'S YOU, YOU'LL BE JUST FINE.
Excuse me?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO BE A PHOTO-GRAPHER?

NO
I see what she's trying to do.
THAT'S FUNNY I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING ANY OF THOSE THINGS
IT WAS SOMETHING MY DARLING GRANDSON SAID I WOULDN'T FORGET IT FOR ANYTHING
PERHAPS YOUR MEMORY IS MISTAKEN?
THEN, IT'S SOMETHING FROM THE DISTANT PAST, PROBABLY FROM WHEN I WAS A KID
BRINGING THESE THINGS UP NOW MIGHT BE A LITTLE POINTLESS, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
Um
Excuse me.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'RE THAT OLD TO LIVE OFF OF NOSTALGIA ALREADY
For her darling grandson...
FRIENDLY SMILES
Saying things like that...

YOU'RE STILL A CHILD WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT.
TO ME,
.....
SENSEI.
YES?
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT CAREER COUNSELLING IS ONLY USEFUL FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY GOT THEIR FUTURE GOALS PLANNED OUT?
WHOOSH
Do you want me to die from laughter? Damn old coot!
.....

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ESCAPE?
YES.
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S CHOOSING TO GO TO COLLEGE JUST TO ESCAPE,
I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE WORTHY OF BEING THERE. IT IS BETTER IF YOU GIVE THEIR PLACE TO SOMEONE WHO ACTUALLY DESERVES IT.
BUT... IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AS OPENING UP YOUR OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.
...THE FUTURE,
YOU SAY?

I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE,
BUT I'M THE ONLY SON OF AN ARAB BILLIONAIRE.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T CHASE AFTER A DREAM, WHAT'S YOURS WILL ALWAYS BE YOURS
I AM SURE THERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD AGREE TO THIS SCHOOL OF THOUGHT AS WELL.
UMM
SENSEI
MY GRAND-MOTHER IS ACTUALLY A FULL ITALIAN

SmileSmile
Smile
Really...?
Eh-
Eh...
LOOKS WAY TOO JAPANESE FOR HER OWN GOOD
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
.....
THANKS, SENSEI
Hey
MAGA-HARA-KUN!
YES?
SO, SENSEI,
CAN WE TALK MORE ABOUT THIS NEXT TIME?
STAND'S
OH
YES, OF COURSE
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I DON'T WANT YOU MAKING UP THESE STORIES TO THE TEACHER.
IT'S EASIER TO LIE
I CAN'T EXACTLY TELL HER THAT I'M ACTUALLY SOMEONE WHO
BRINGS THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE, SITS ON AN ENORMOUS FORTUNE, AND HAS A HIGHER SALARY THAN THIS SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL
SLIDE
I'VE NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT JAPANESE
AND I DON'T REMEMBER OWNING ANY OIL RESERVES EITHER.
WHOOSH!
What's with this cold wind?!
?!
VERY WELL. HAVE IT YOUR WAY THEN.

I KNOW.
ARE YOU GOING TO MEET UP WITH US LATER?
Here!
THE RAMEN'S READY!
ENOMOTO-SAN'S COMING TO DINNER WITH US.
LET'S GO TO THE SHOP I USUALLY GO TO THEN.
STEAM
WAA
AAH!
SNAP!

SIGNS: VEGETABLE RAMEN AND PLAIN RAMEN
IF WE'D BROUGHT HER TO A FANCY RESTAURANT,
WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR HOURS
I'VE ONLY HEARD RUMORS,
IS THIS OKAY?
HUH?
BRINGING YAE-SAMA TO A RAMEN SHOP AND SITTING AT THE COUNTER
Well,
I GUESS
THAT'S THEIR STYLE HERE.
Please don't start fighting!
YOU GET YOUR FOOD FAST, AND YOU LEAVE QUICKLY TOO
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!
But, apparently Yae-sama's called a few people back from overseas...
The atmosphere's already scarry enough
Sigh
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Which means, she's definitely here for—
She's not the type of a person who would suddenly turn up for no reason
That much I know for sure
If they find out about what Mizuki's planning,
They're not going to sit around and do nothing!
SU
I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT THEN
MIZUKI
HP

I knew it.
GULP.
YOUR MARRIAGE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR
.....。
BLANKET BAGS

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LITTLE
KID
OF COURSE!
BUT KNOWING ABOUT IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M AGREEING TO IT!
YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT IT ALREADY, HAVEN'T YOU?
SFX: STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!
HE SHOULD ALREADY KNOW BY NOW
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT HE JUST CAN'T DECIDE FOR HIMSELF
GOOD GOD

I CAN TAKE CARE OF THESE BY MYSELF
NO IT'S FINE
HERE, LET ME HELP
And just like that
Mizuki's potential brides are ready to come
MARRIAGE ..?
THAT'S RIGHT
WAIT, I...
"YOU'VE ALREADY CHOSEN SOMEONE."
HOWEVER, YOU ARE AWARE THAT NOT EVERYONE AGREES WITH YOUR CHOICE, ARE YOU NOT?

SIGN GOMOKU (MIXED MEAT & VEGETABLE) RAMEN
五目ラーメン
FOR THESE PEOPLE TO AGREE,
A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU HAVE AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE INSTEAD.
THERE ARE MANY PARENTS WHO HAVE DAUGHTERS AROUND YOUR AGE, CORRECT?
Mi... Mizuki, sit down...
YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST PUT ON A SHOW, RIGHT?
OH MY.
THIS SHOW HAS TO DO WITH EVERYTHING
PUT ON A SHOW?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
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PANIC
WHAT?!
PANIC
PANIC
AND THE TRADITIONAL TEA-MAKING SKILLS AT A FAMILY FEAT
WE WANTED TO JUDGE BY MANNERS
HOWEVER, WE WILL NOW HAVE THEM LIVE WITH YOU FOR A WEEK,
You may keep the change
AND YOU WILL THEN PICK YOUR DESIRED CANDIDATE.
ORIGIN-ALLY
Gets up
THAT IS ALL.
THE THREE YOUNG LADIES WILL BE ARRIVING TOMORROW. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM
WHAT?!

IT WAS NICE EATING WITH YOU.
I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MEETING,
ENOMOTO-SAN
I don't think I can win...
Sigh~
It feels like
I'm going to have to be everyone's enemy again.

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I know you're mad but,
How could you do this?!
Huff
Huff
Huff
He's ignoring me!
GRRR
You're not going to apologise?!
When will you grow up?
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS BEING CALLED A LITTLE KID!
I'M SORRY.

I'M SORRY.
PULLS
GRAB
UWAH!
FALL
?!
Mizuki Are you alright?
That was actually a little nauseating

Look!
LIKE WITH WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE,
YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHEN SHE'S UP TO SOMETHING
AND
HAVING TO LIVE WITH YOUR OWN MARRIAGE CANDIDATES.
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HAVING TO DO THAT, BEFORE
.....
OW...
.....
HEY
This is getting pretty serious
IT'S NO USE
NOBODY CAN BEAT A GRANDMOTHER LIKE YOURS.
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YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
OF COURSE NOT!
...WAIT...
YOUR APOLOGY... IT WASN'T FOR MY UNIFORM?
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE.
You're all cold
HUH?
This is so embarrassing.
EHM HELLO ?
Blush
SHUSH.
Somehow...
GRAB
UWAH!

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But, seeing you reject the idea of other marriage candidates...
It's all for me, isn't it?
Hehe.
It doesn't feel too bad either!
PAT
PAT
MM!
DON'T CHEAT ON ME, OKAY?
I MEAN—
FLUSTERED
That is...
YOU BEING TOO SERIOUS MAKES IT AWKWARD
FLUSTERED
FLUSTERED

SCRAMBLE
Hey!
IT'S DINNER-TIME!
<KAITO>
That...
SLAM!
I was
Acting pretty weird as well...
Was scary...

BUT IF I TRY MY BEST, IT'LL BE ALRIGHT!
Yae sama's sudden reappearance,
and the marriage thing...
So many things happening all at once It's making me very uneasy
At least, that's how I'd like to think

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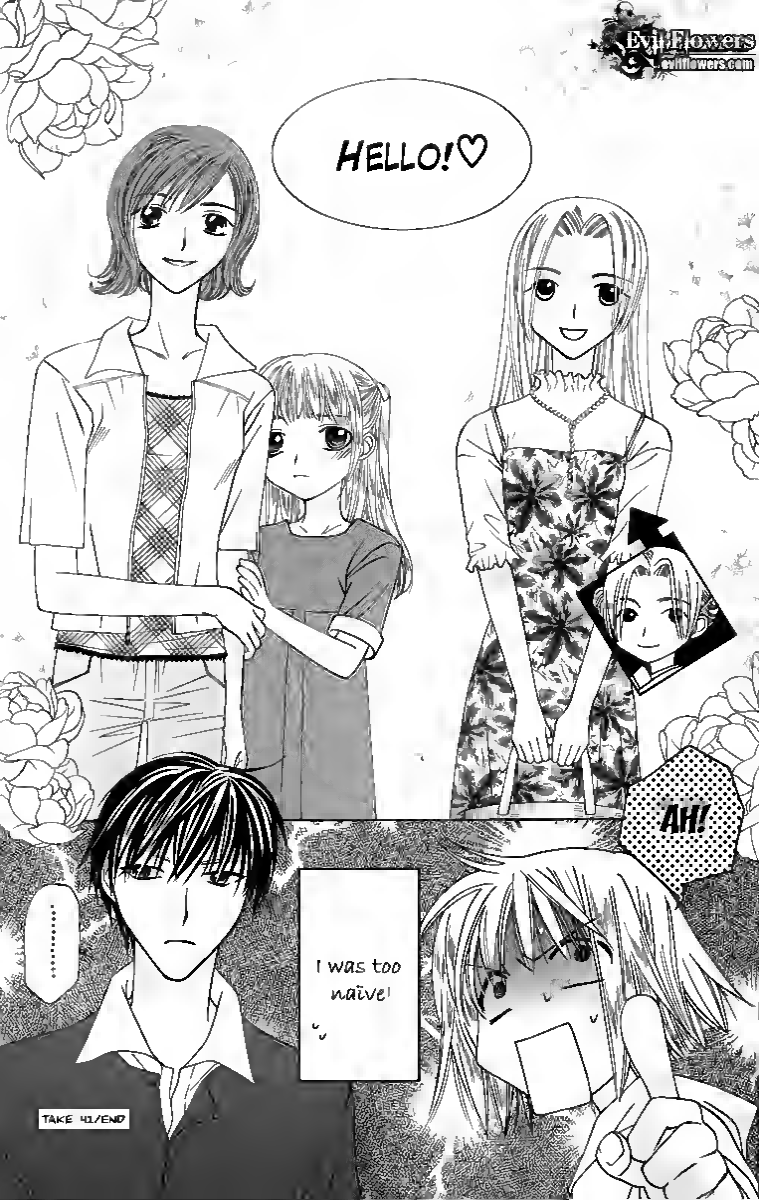

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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3 years
together
with you!

3RD
I'M SO HAPPY YOU ARE RELEASING ALL MY FAVORITE PROJECTS TODAY
THERE'S BEEN A PROBLEM...
THE STAFF ALL DIED FROM EXHAUSTION. THERE WILL BE NO RELEASE
SURPRISED?
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU EARLIER.

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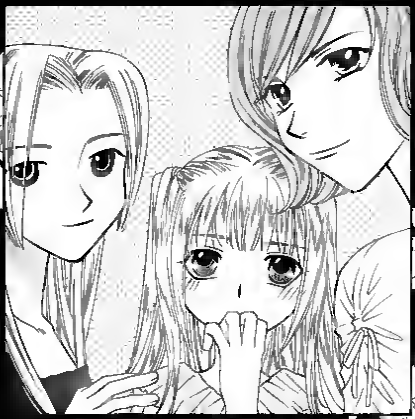

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Even though we said we're going to "work together and overcome the obstacles that come between us", it still feels kind... Well, y'know...

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There's this music club that I've always wanted to go to, and I finally got to go there for the first time. I saw a couple around my parents' age enjoying themselves. It was a really fun experience.

Fujita Maki's summer - 2004

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OPEN CLOSE
……
We've come to this quaint little inn in the middle of the woods
It is a nice quiet place really and the food is good
The staff are very friendly as well
♪
♫
This has got to be my reward from the folks upstairs

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
.....
OH, I AM SO SORRY~♡ MY HANDS SLIPPED.
CARE TO PICK IT UP FOR ME~?
Oi!
Didn't I tell you that there are limits to hating people! This is going too far!
BUT YOU REALLY ARE A NUISANCE. ♡
—if only this evil woman wasn't here
SFX: BANG

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I WILL HELP YOU TAKE HER UP TO HER ROOM..
No! No! Really!
I can take care of her!
Ah,
NO, NO, IT'S ALRIGHT!
Hey! Hey!
JURI-CHAN!
SHE JUST.. COLLAPSED, MISS
SWOON
I'LL GO CALL AN AMBULANCE!
SWOON
WHO—OSH
I'll be going then!!
AH
Huff
Huff
Huff
MMHM
SNAPS OPEN!
SLAM

I...
UMM.. JURI-CHAN..
THAT...
I DID IT AGAIN...
UM..
I'm so sorry!!
.....
!!
IT'S OKAY, DON'T CRY
CALM DOWN IT'S NO BIGGIE
IT'S OKAY
IT'S OKAY
Ah, what should I do?
She is completely hopeless around guys!
Yae sama actually called people back from overseas
This blonde-haired and blue eyed young lady is Magahara Jun She looks like a grade schooler
Soo.
But she's actually one of the candidates for being Mizuki's fiancée
Soo.

What is up with her choices for candidates?!
ZZZ
WELL JUST PICK THESE THEN
Oh come to think of it,
I was too busy worrying about fending off other people
I haven't seen Mizuki today
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Aah
STEP
Yuge Ritsuko
At twenty-one, she's the oldest candidate
.....

Heh
YOU CAUGHT ME AT A BAD TIME.
THE FOOD AT THE INN IS GOOD, BUT IT'S STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH
THIS IS FROM A SHOP THAT THE STAFF RECOMMENDED TO ME
NO! NO! WANNA JOIN ME?
IT'S ON THE TOURIST GUIDE AS WELL!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU
I HAD SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT ANYWAY
come on
come on
come on
PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR MEAL
Does she plan on eating all of this by herself?

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Focusing on character designs this time. There are secrets from my ancient character design sheets that I haven't dared reveal until now

Magahara Izumi

Mizuki was actually supposed to be called Izumi but I changed it!

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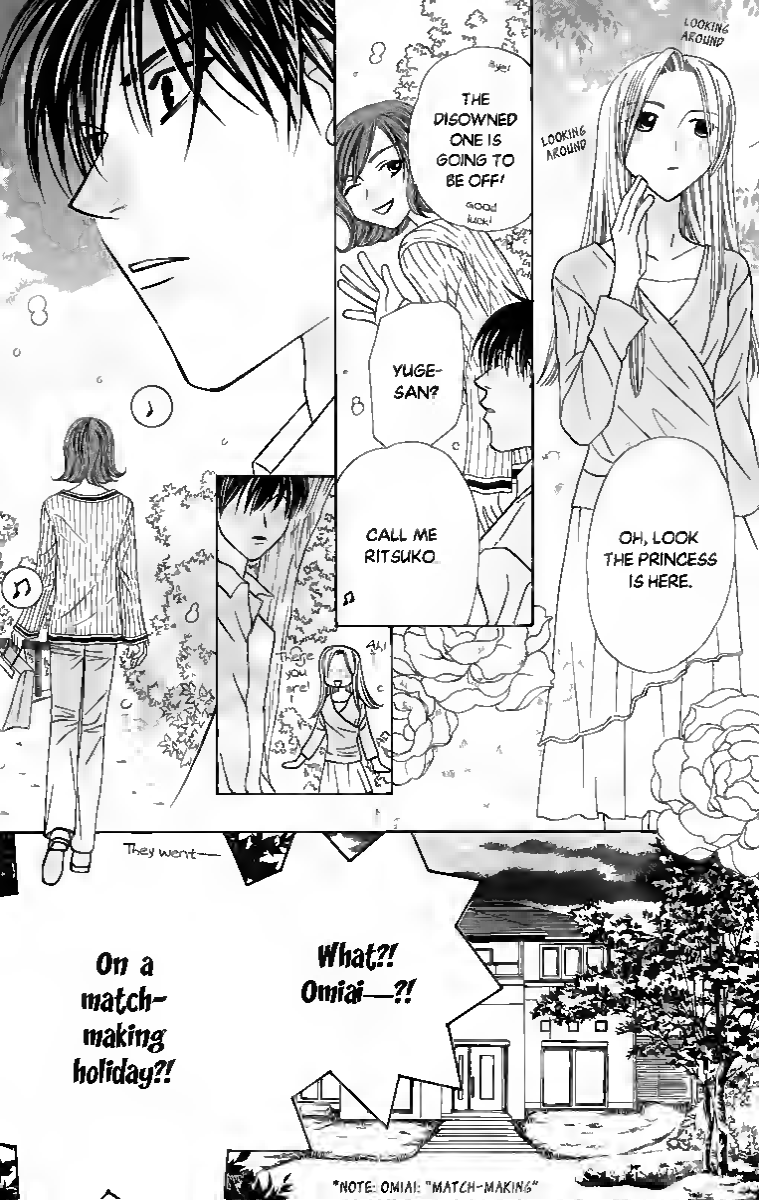
I'M REALLY SORRY THAT THEY HAVE TROUBLED YOU LIKE THIS...
NO, NO! IT'S TOTALLY FINE
WE CAN CALL IT EVEN I'M HAVING A GOOD TIME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS AT ALL
NO, IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY IT IS. I WAS SUDDENLY FORCED INTO THIS
WELL,
THOSE PEOPLE ALWAYS DO THINGS LIKE THIS YOU CAN'T HELP IT
AH—
AM I INTRUDING?
GEEZ


LOOKING AROUND
LOOKING AROUND
OH, LOOK THE PRINCESS IS HERE.
Bye!
THE DISOWNED ONE IS GOING TO BE OFF!
Good luck!
YUGE-SAN?
CALL ME RITSUKO.
Ha-i
They went—
On a match-making holiday?!
What?! Omiai—?!
*NOTE: OMIAI: "MATCH-MAKING"

If you had showed up, things would've ended up being a lot more complicated
You Bastard! Why didn't you tell me? I can't believe this!
You've got to be kidding me! How come I didn't hear about this before?!
Instead, I'm now a chaperone for all the old folks on their onsen trip.
I'm dying over here~
Nananse
Nananse
Nananse
Nananse
Oh, it's a mixed bath?
This is amazing
*NOTE ONSEN HOT SPRINGS
So that's how it is
So he's just he's doing a school job
HANG ON
KAITO, HOW ARE YOU STILL AT HOME?
YOU DIDN'T GO?
WHY SHOULD I FOLLOW HIM WHEN HE'S TRYING TO PICK A FIANCÉE?
THERE YOU GO AGAIN~ BEING ALL SHY. ♡
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YEAH...
OH.
AND WHAT ARE YOU MAKING OF ALL THIS?
SHE REALLY HAS GROWN UP
Wait!
I'm sorry
Don't hang up!
ANYWAY, THAT YUGE GIRL RITSU-CHAN
IS SHE DOING OKAY?
YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HER IN A WHILE EITHER. HAVE YOU KAITO?
I THINK THERE IS ANOTHER REASON FOR YAE PICKING THE PEOPLE THAT SHE DID
I JUST HAVE A BAD FEEL-ING ABOUT ALL THIS

DEPRESSED
I'M REALLY SORRY.
Collapsed after she saw Muzuki in the restaurant.
GLOOM
GLOOM
OKAY?
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY. EAT UP.
Here
THIS PIE'S DELICIOUS. ♡
Nom
Chew
Chew
YES!
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT?

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THEY SEPARATED WHEN I WAS LITTLE. SO ALL I CAN REMEMBER WAS HIM BEING A TALL, RED-FACED MAN
HE GOT MAD EASILY,
AND MOM THOUGHT IT WAS DANGEROUS, SO SHE DIVORCED HIM AND CAME TO JAPAN
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW ANY JAPANESE AT ALL
SO I USED TO BE BULLIED AT SCHOOL.
Ah,!
THERE WERE ALSO THESE FOUR BROTHERS WHO LIVED NEX DOOR TO US
EVERYONE SAID THAT THEY WERE BAD KIDS
I ALWAYS GOT THIS FEELING THAT I'D BE KILLED OFF BY THEM ANY DAY.
Heh
Jun-chan, you are too kind
EHEHE..

BUT... YOU SAID YES
TO THIS FIANCÉE THING WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.
MY STEP-FATHER... HE ASKED ME TO
HE IS VERY KIND
TO MY MOM AND ME
SO.
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH
I'M ALMOST IN TEARS.
Step
YUKARI...
I SEE YOU'VE MADE A NEW FRIEND
HOW WONDERFUL JURI-CHAN ♡

I AM REALLY DISAPOINTED ABOUT THIS
I DON'T THINK IT WAS A IDEA TO GROUP ME TOGETHER WITH THE LIKES OF YOU
HOWEVER, SPEAKING OF GRANDMA'S REQUEST...
WOW! YUKARI, YOU'RE SO ADORABLE~~!
What?! Get your hands off of me!
PUSH!
PUSH!
PUSH!
IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO BE HAPPY, PLEASE GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG. ♡
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO MEAN TO JURI-CHAN AS WELL!
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DON'T KEEP THINKING ABOUT PROTECTING OTHER PEOPLE.
Wait
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT STUFF IN THE MIHAGARA FAMILY
LISTEN UP!
MIZUKI DOESN'T NEED A GIRL LIKE YOU WHO STANDS UP AGAINST THE REST OF THE FAMILY.
HE NEEDS SOMEONE CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH HIM AND SUPPORT HIM
YOU C.N'T EVEN UNDERSTAND SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THIS. HOWTHICK-SKULLED .RE YOU?
I understand this very well——
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU THAT MIZUKI IS STUCK IN SUCH A HORRIBLE SITUATION
DID YOU KNOW THAT?

I understand
But even so Mizuki said that
I was good enough for him
Mizuki has already
chosen me

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I'M SORRY I CAN'T
I ALREADY HAVE A—
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO OUT TOGETHER TODAY?
IS IT BECAUSE YOU HATE ME?
THERE'S A GOOD ART MUSEUM AROUND HERE.
HE ALREADY HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME
HELLO!
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
RITSUKO!
—YE H
ALRIGHT.
THEN...
ARE YOU UP FOR TEA LATER ON?

WHEW
Smile
SEE YOU LATER THEN!
Man
EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT TO JUST LEAVE HER LIKE THAT,
AH
PFFT
YOU'RE GOING TO START GETTING WRINKLES IF SHE KEEPS THIS UP
ENOMOTO-CHAN'S WITH JURI-CHAN ALL THE TIME NOW
YOU'RE PROBABLY REALLY LONELY, AREN'T CHA?
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A WALK?

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YOU KNOW, YOU COULD'VE JUST FOUND OUT THAT BY MAKING A FEW PHONE CALLS
YOU SEEM TO BE REALLY HONEST AND HARD-WORKING
OH?
ANYWAY, IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE
SO WHEN I HEARD THAT I WAS GOING TO BE A MARRIAGE CANDIDATE FOR THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY,
..I THOUGHT YOU WERE A WEIRD PERSON AT FIRST.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST MESSING WITH ME.
Hahaha
Haha
EVEN THOUGH MY DAD WAS A MAGAHARA, HE WAS PRETTY USELESS.
BUT WHEN I GOT HERE, YOU TURNED OUT TO BE A NICE GUY AFTER ALL.

YEAH!
YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY AFTER ALL.
ANYWAY, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT'S A PAIN TO BE IN THE MAGAHARA FAMILY.
—A NICE
GUY HUH...
YOU GIRLS ARE ALWAYS LIKE THIS
ALWAYS PSYCHOANALYZING EVERYBODY.
OI, STAND UP
WHAT?
YEAH, YEAH! THERE YOU GO!
NOW FACE THAT WAY.
WHY...?

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ACTUALLY, PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU'RE MAD
THAT MUST BE IT
EVEN ADULTS,
WILL GET HURT AND ANGRY WHEN THEY GET CRITICISED AFTER THEY TELL PEOPLE HOW THEY TRULY FEEL!
...WHAT KIND OF A LAME EXCUSE IS THAT..
I'M GOING BACK THEN. YOU FIND A WAY TO GET BACK TO SHORE.
Hey! You're not really leaving, are you?!
Eh! No way!
Kyaa—— You're serious?!
Mizuki-sama——!
PADDLE

wobble
wobble
SO I GUESS IT'S 'ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL', HUH.
Hehe
DON'T DO ANYTHING IMMATURE LIKE THAT AGAIN, ALRIGHT?
IF YOU STOP WITH THAT UN-CUTE ATTITUDE OF YOURS
LOOK, I'M ALREADY A SENIOR——
AND I'M ALREADY TWENTY-ONE!
POINT
SIGH
Your sigh just now——It really pisses people off, you know! Are you listening to me?!
YES, MA'AM
TEEHEE

I'M SORRY.
WAIT WHAT?
STUNNED
NOTHING.
HEY, WHAT'S THE RUSH?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
HEHE.

HE'S REALLY AN HONEST KID...
PLEASE DON'T TREAT ME LIKE I'M A LITTLE KID!
Heh...
Heh...
Heh...
WHAT A SHY KID!
Ah!
Oh! This is going to fair!
What's going to fair...
OPEN TUNNEL

SHOCK
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
IT'LL BE FINE.
MIZUKI IS NOT A BAD PERSON
YOU'LL GET USED TO HIM SOON ENOUGH
YE-YE-YES! IF YOU SAY SO!
PLUS, MY STEPFATHER CHOSE HIM FOR ME TOO
Tremble
Tremble
Gre...
Greet him?!

I almost forgot.
Wouldn't this be like helping the enemy?
Chose...
Ah, right...
Hey!
But
It's already bad enough having three other people against me
I have my limits too.
?
ENOMOTO-SAN
!
So, there shouldn't be anything to worry about
But we did say that we'll try hard and overcome all obstacles together
I haven't talked to Mizuki even once since we came here!

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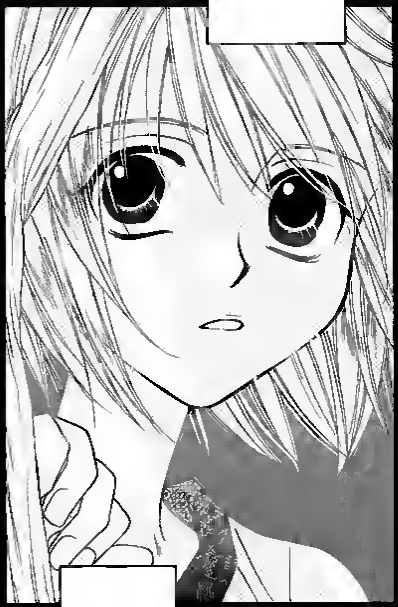
But I really do think things are getting weirder and weirder.



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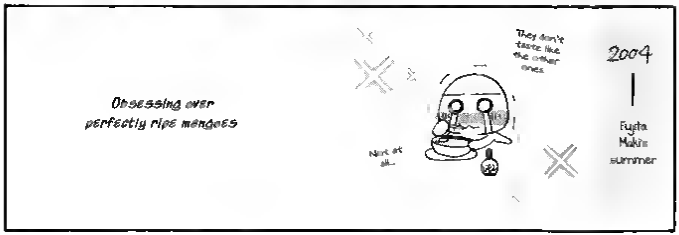
By now, I'm forcing myself to say good things about the situation, I think
No actually,
this is exactly how it is
But, them getting along well is a good thing~


Obsessing over perfectly ripe mangoes
They don't taste like the other ones
Not at all...
2004
Fujita Maki's summer

ENOMOTO-SAN?
Wha!
I'm... I'm... I'm SORRY—
STEP STEP STEP
AH...
OH...
I... umm... I...
RITSUKO-SAN AND MIZUKI-SAN.
Ah, no...
Are... Are... Are we...
Are we going to say hello...?
NO, NOT YET
WE CAN DO THAT LATER
But,
according to the usual logic
WH——EW
...
You made me a little bit relaxed there.

Is that something I should be glad about?
Here I thought that
we should always be on our guard when being around other Magaharas
THAT'S ODD
Ritsuko san is a Magahara
But Mizuki seems so at ease around her
SMILE.
Looks like I was wrong

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This should be
something good, right?

WHAT'S THIS?
AWW, MAN
.....
FOR ME?
YOU ALWAYS CATCH ME AT A BAD TIME
HMM?
AND THAT YOU'VE ACTUALLY COME LOOKING FOR ME?
Could it be?
THAT THIS IS NOT A COINCIDENCE,

Huuh
CAN YOU GO TO HIS ROOM NOW?
I CAN'T DO THAT
"HOW DARE SHE HANG AROUND THE MASTER ALL DAY!
MIZUKI-SAMA DOESN'T SEEM TO GO FOR THE PUSHY TYPE
Hu Hu
IT'S STILL IN THE BEGINNING STAGE YOU KNOW..
THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT ENOMOTO-SAN FROM THE MAIN HOUSE.
tsk tsk
Sigh
WHAT NONSENSE.
SHE'S JUST A PIECE OF TRASH WHO DOESN'T KNOW HER PLACE"
ISN'T IT?
Crap
I HAVE TO BE EXTREME TODAY
THE ESCAPEE

THEY ARE RESORTING TO USING THESE UNDERHANDED METHODS TO SEPARATE YOU GUYS JUST BECAUSE YOU CHOSE SOMEONE OUTSIDE THE FAMILY
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THEY'RE ACTUALLY EVEN FAMILY.
HAS ENOMOTO-SAN CRIED OVER ANY OF THIS?
THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY EASY ON 'THE OUTSIDERS'
THERE WASN'T ANYONE WHO WOULD TALK TO MY MOTHER EITHER.
PAT
PAT
Ah, it was all because of that useless dad of mine!
Sigh
EVEN AFTER MY PARENTS GOT MARRIED, MY DAD DIDN'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AS A HUSBAND
HE DIDN'T EVEN PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIS RELATIVES EITHER.
HE WAS PRETTY HORRIBLE, TO SAY THE LEAST

—
HAVE YOU STARTED WORKING ALREADY?
I'VE GOT A JOB OVERSEAS IN LOS ANGELES.
EH?
IF I HAD STAYED HERE, MY DAD'S DEBTORS WOULD'VE BEEN AFTER MY BLOOD!
SO, I ESCAPED WITH MY MOTHER.
—IT'S NOTHING
HMM?
THAT PERSON...

SFX. FUFUFU
ホッホッホ
...SORRY
IT'S NO BIG DEAL NO NEED TO APOLOGISE.
♪
EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT
I'M ALREADY USED TO THEIR WAY OF DOING THINGS
AND BE A GOOD KID
BUT YOU! YOU HAVE TO GET TOUGHER!
OTHERWISE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO THOSE EVIL PEOPLE!
I have to worry about you then.
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DID SHE...
EVER REGRET IT?
Huh?
WHO?
...THE PERSON WHO MARRIED THE USELESS HUSBAND
OH.
THEN, THAT'S A SHAME
IN ITS OWN RIGHT
THEN MAYBE MY MOM WOULDN'T HAVE CRIED HER EYES OUT ALL THE TIME BECAUSE OF THOSE PEOPLE
THAT FAMILY PLAYS DIRTY!
WELL, WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE THINKS?
MAYBE IF MY DAD HAD BEEN A BIT BETTER,

DON'T TELL ME.. YOU'RE NOT HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, ARE YOU?
AH!
ABOUT CHOSING ENOMOTO-SAN
DIDN'T YOU CHOOSE HER BECAUSE SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE FOR YOU ~~~~~?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T REALLY LOVER HER, BUT LIKE HER INSTEAD ~~~~~
Hmmm...?
NUDGE NUDGE
Is she drunk?
NO, NO, GO ON. THINK OVER IT ~~~~
THIS OLDER SISTER OF YOURS LIKES THAT,
A SERIOUS KID LIKE YOU ~~~~ ♡
SFX: SHOOON
...JUTSUKO?
—

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MMNGH.
SFX: FLUSTERED
UWAA!
That was horrible!
PEOPLE SHOULD REALLY KNOW THEIR TOLERANCE LIMITS
NOW HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS?

SFX: GLOOM GLOOM GLOOM
UMM...
PLEASE, GO ON AND EAT
IT'S OKAY, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG
YOU'RE HORRIBLE, YOU KNOW THAT.
I MEAN, WHOSE FAULT IS THIS...
THAT'S NOT REALLY ANY OF MY CONCERN NOW, IS IT?
YOU'RE AN ADULT NOW, AREN'T YOU? PLEASE SHOW SOME RESTRAINT.
AH! THAT'S RIGHT!
THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE HERE TO PICK US UP AT THREE
PLEASE BE PREPARED TO LEAVE BEFORE THEN.
Nada
Come, come Ritsuko hurry up and eat

OH..
AH..
UMM..
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU NEED ME TO FEED YOU?
YOU RE BEING NOISY. SHUT UP.
STANDS
AT THREE RIGHT?
I UNDER-STAND
I'LL SEE YOU THEN
Miso oyster soup
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
IT'S FINE SORRY ABOUT CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE.
IT S RATHER EMBARRASSING AT THIS AGE.
DON'T MENTION IT
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE THIS A TRY, I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY

Bug
HMM?
YOU MEAN...
—OH, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT PRINCESS...?
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL
YOU'RE VERY TALENTED AT EXTERMINATING BUGS.
P
F
F
T
!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
YOU FEEL THAT WAY TOO, HUH?
WELL, SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY MARKED ME AS AN EXTERMINATOR,
I'LL DO MY JOB RIGHT UP TO THE END!
FIRST BEING BULLIED BY THE MASTER,
AND THEN GETTING THE LOOKS FROM A JEALOUS YUKARI...
OH, WOE IS ME~~~

ALL THE GIRLS HERE ARE BEING PRESSED BY THE FAMILY IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I GUESS THIS WHOLE MATCH-MAKING THING IS HOW THE MAGAHARAS WANT TO CONTROL THEM.
Ah...
WAIT, ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR ENOMOTO-SAN?
HUH?
THAT IS THE ONLY REASON WHY THE FAMILY WOULD EVEN ASSOCIATE WITH THEM------
...IS THAT HOW IT IS?
Sorry
You're going down, Yukari
CLENCH
CLENCH
BUT WOW THE DAUGHTER OF A DISOWNED, MAN TROUBLING THE THOROUGH-BRED

THIS IS PERFECT! SO, IT'S LIKE SAYING "TAKE THAT! YOU, MAGAHARAS, YOU!" RIGHT?
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MIZUKI.
—

Fat Fat !!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HIT ME ?
WHY WOULD I PUNISH A KID
WHO KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL WHAT HE'S DOING?

Hmm...
YOU KNOW HOW ABOUT
LETTING ME HELP YOU?
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HUH?
SUKI?
I'M GOING TO START ♫ EATING NOW
EXTERMINATING THE BUG KILLING IT OFF FOREVER ♫

THIS WHOLE "FIANCEE CAMP" THING WAS PUT INTO PLACE TO GET RID OF ENOMOTO-SAN, CORRECT?
—
IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE FROM THE OUTSIDE
TO GO UP AGAINST THE FAMILY
THEY EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO BRING BACK
THE DAUGHTER OF A DISOWNED MAN THEIR PEOPLE KNOW NO LIMITS
—
IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIVE-ABLE.

BUT, I SUPPOSE I'M STILL A MEMBER OF YOUR HATED MAGAHARA FAMILY
SFX: FUFUFU
...DID I SAY THAT I HATED THEM?
OH, SO DO YOU LOVE THEM INSTEAD?
THEN, IN THAT CASE, I TAKE BACK WHATEVER I SAID
YOU KEEP WORKING AT IT ♡
SFX: GGH
YOUNG ONES THESE DAYS.
...ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?

Of course!
ESPECIALLY SINCE SOMEONE JUST CALLED ME VERY 'TALENTED'
PLUS, MIZUKI'S A GOOD KID
THAT'S WHY I LIKE YA.
Don't treat me like a little kid...
IS THIS JAM HOMEMADE?
Ah!
IT TASTES GOOD, DOESN'T IT?
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE SOME HOME WITH YOU?
Excited!!!
I'LL ASK THE STAFF FOR SOME LATER
Arigato!
I'LL LET YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

that this "fiancee camp" thing
I had originally thought
Sohl
GRIN
OKAY ♡
THE CAKE IS GOOD TOO! ♡
peaceful.
would be filled with lots of animosity and hate
But it feels so
warm and fuzzy.
MM HMM.
MM HMM.

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AH
But peace is good!
Plus, it doesn't seem like there's anything going on between Mizuki and Katsuden-san anyway
EH?
Ah.
SORRY ABOUT THAT..
TURNS
WHY DON'T WE GO ASK ABOUT THE JAM?
ENOMOTO-SAN..?

YOU'RE STILL HERE?
SURE AM
GOOD MORNING! ♫
IGNORES
...She's not in a good mood
EVEN AFTER I WENT THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF TELLING YOU ALL THAT EARLIER, YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW BIG OF A NUISANCE YOU'RE BEING HERE?
IT'S SHOCKING.
That's my goal!
EPI HANANA

Hm...
Come to think of it,
I haven't talked to Mizuki ever since I've come here
I haven't even seen him!
How am I even being a nuisance?
What am I here for?
TEXT: THAT'S WEIRD

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NOBODY IN THE FAMILY IS GOING TO FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE LIKE WITH MIZUKI-SAMA'S MOTHER!
STOPS
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE THINKS!
IF MIZUKI-SAMA HAD HAD A PROPER MOTHER,
THEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE UNQUESTIONABLE MASTER!

Slap
HUH?
.....
...You!
SFX: STOMP STOMP
SW
What do you think you're doing?!
AT
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO FEEL PAIN RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?

Enomoto-san?!
SFX THROW
SFX FLUSH
UWAA!
Ah...
Kiss
Ugh! Dammit! This is pissing me off!
EH...
EH...

SFX: STEP
SFX: STEP
SFX: STEP
SFX: STEP
No
I can't...
I couldn't stop myself from raising my hand against her!
That's exactly what the enemy wanted through right?
SFX: FALL
Kyaa!
I can't believe she did that!
Who does she think she is?
I will never forgive her! Never ever!
But if I was going to fall anyway,
I should've beaten her up from the very beginning!
print
print
—AH

I'M SORRY
I SCARED YOU, DIDN'T I?
STE
PANT
PANT
BUT WHAT HAPPENED?
IF THERE IS NO LOVE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE,
VIOLENCE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING
THAT'S WHY, THIS TIME, WE'RE JUST PURELY FIGHTING~
DON'T GROW UP TO BE LIKE THAT, OKAY?
Nope! I won't!

Wallet
Wallet
Oh, crap
I scared her didn't I...?
But that sure was hard to hold in
HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THAT BAKERY WE SAW IN THE GUIDEBOOK YESTERDAY?
AH,
BUT I DIDN'T BRING MY WALLET!
I'LL GO BACK AND GET IT!
What have I done...
And what am I doing now...?

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GOSH...
Especially when you compare her to the pathetic me
SPIK SPIK
I FEEL SO MAD
Even though she is a Magahara,
Ritsuko-san seems to be the better match for Mizuki...
Ah?!
SPIK slip
Looks like he would be just fine with Ritsuko-san.
Mizuki
I came here to stop Mizuki from choosing the other candidates.
But now I've become like a total outsider
Huh?
I can't leave Juri-chan alone
But this way,
I can't see Mizuki

Geez...
Today's turned out to be a pretty crappy day...
SFX SLIDE
Wha?!
"Today?"

NO
That can't be right
I've had the feeling...
that there's been something off since the very beginning
Hmm—
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WHY WOULD JURI-CHAN BE HERE IF SHE'S TERRIFIED OF MEN?
STRANGE..
But this way... I can't get close to Mizuki either—
She's so helpless that I can't just leave her alone
CRAP. CRAP. CRAP. CRAP
THIS ALL COULDN'T BE ACCORDING TO YAE-SAMA'S PLAN. COULD IT..?

How could I have fallen for it so easily...?!
At this rate,
won't it all be over for me?!
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AS EXPECTED,
MIZUKI-SAMA AND RITSUKO-SAN ARE GETTING ALONG WELL WITH EACH OTHER
IS THIS ALL GOING ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN, YAE-SAMA?
IS THAT SO?
THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON WHY I CHOSE HER

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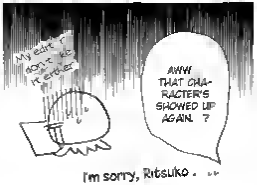
TO REIN IN MIZUKI.
IT REALLY IS TOO BAD FOR ENOMOTO-SAN,
THERE CAN BE NOBODY BETTER THAN HER.
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE STILL SOME WHO DISAPPROVE OF RITSUKO-SAN SAYING
SHE'S A MAGAHARA AND THAT SHE SHAMES US ALL!
BUT THIS IS HOW IT IS MEANT TO BE.

It's hard to find a good texture for Ritsuko's hair...



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MIZUKI, WAIT!
MIZUKI!!!
KAZURA'S...
DISAP-PEARED?
JURI SAYS THAT THE LAST TIME SHE SAW HER WAS
WHEN THEY WENT FOR A WALK AFTER BREAKFAST
—HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THEN?
ABOUT TWO HOURS.
AH!

Confessions of an Idiot SP<3>

Torii Yuuji

NOTE: WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?

誰だキミは!?

Eh?

We never know what's going to happen in life do we.

Me.?

Are you talking about me?

UM...

SIR?

DON'T WORRY, JURI

Hehe

?

PEOPLE CAN REVEAL THEIR TRUE NATURE

IN A BLINK OF AN EYE.

EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE JUST FINE ♪

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SFX: STOMP
Where did that idiot run off to this time?
This is absolutely unforgivable!
SFX: STOMP
SFX: STOMP
SFX: STOMP

HEY...
LET ME HELP AS WELL
I CAN DO THIS BY MYSELF
UMM... YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY. SHE SPLIT UP WITH JURI OVER THERE.
I SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE ATTENTIVE. SORRY...
MAYBE BY DOING THIS, IT MADE ENOMOTO-SAN UPSET TOO.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP "EXTERMINATE" THE PRINCESS, BUT
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IT'S OKAY...
HER STUFF ARE STILL IN HER ROOM THOUGH
DO YOU THINK SHE JUST DECIDED TO LEAVE?
DON'T SAY THAT.
NO,

ANYWAY, LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND FIRST
IF WE STILL DON'T FIND HER, THEN WE'LL GO ASK THE STAFF AT THE INN FOR HELP
OR WAIT, ARE THERE ANY MAGAHARAS ON YOUR SIDE WHO YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH?
HUH?
MAYBE YOU COULD ASK THEM IF THIS IS NOT SOMETHING PLANNED BY THE HIGHER-UPS
SHE
WON'T EVER LEAVE ME LIKE THIS

Hmmm
EVEN THOUGH I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY,
BUT, SOMETIMES THOSE PEOPLE END UP HAVING SOME TRULY CRAZY IDEAS.
Twitch!
What happened? How did I end up here?
WHA ?
AH—?

Ah— That's right
I'M NOT GOING TO JUST STAY HERE LIKE THIS!
SFX. STOMP X3
SFX. STEEP
HUH?
WAHH—
Today's turned out to be a pretty crappy day...
Juri-chan's terrified of men. But, if I stay with her,
then I won't be able to get close to Mizuki
OWW
I really fussed myself up a lot this time...
THIS REALLY ISN'T THE TIME...
TO BE COMPLAI-NING...

In her imagination
When I'm not around Mizuki
something like this probably happens
then Rit-suko-san's probably being used as well...
If this is a part of Yae-sama's plan
Ooo!
I really don't like seeing them together like that...
C'mon!
Even though I know that she is being manipulated by Yae sama
I still hate it!
TOSS
TOSS
WHEW MADE IT...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

In any case,
I have to see Mizuki.
Yes!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HUH...?
Oho!
THIS IS SOMETHING RARE!
I MUST BE VERY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE MASTER HIMSELF TODAY.
It's a good thing I had you memorize my number!
Ohohoho!
...

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SO, DID ANYTHING FUN HAP-PEN?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN A HA-REM?
THAT BEING SAID, YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ABSOLUTELY WORST PERSON AROUND IF YOU MAKE KAZURA-CHAN CRY ♡
WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENED ANYWAY?
Disap-peared?
That girl?
→YEAH
UH-HUH.
AH! ♪HELLO!
Hey Kiri! Nice to see you again! ♫

This does sound like something thought up by Yae...
But it's highly unlikely that she would go that far.
IN ANY CASE,
I'LL GO ASK AROUND AND SEE WHAT I CAN GET
...
...THANK YOU...
Huh?
...THANKS.
Come again----?

Hmm
ARE YOU OKAY...?
.....OF COURSE.
PFFT!
HAVE YOU GONE DEAF NOW, YOU SENILE OLD MAN?!
AFX EXPLODES
Hahaha
Good luck!
Hangs up
BEEP
BWAHAHA-HAHAHA!
UHM SORRY, BUT...
RITSUKO
HAHAHA-HAHAHA

BUT... IT'S REALLY REASSURING TO KNOW
THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMEONE IN THE MAGAHARA FAMILY WHO YOU WOULD YELL AT
AND TRUST THEM AT THE SAME TIME.
—
Turns away
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER I WOULD CALL THAT 'TRUST'...
THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO TO THE BUS STATION
LET'S CHECK THE TRAIL

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SHE'S AN IDIOT! AND COMPLETELY NAÏVE!
AND SHE NEVER LISTENS TO A WORD I SAY!
Hehe
Teehee
SHE DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT THINKING! AND SHE ALWAYS ENDS UP MAKING A MESS OF THINGS, EVERY, SINGLE TIME!
An overall review.
Getting madder as he speaks.
...UGH
AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SHE'S GOTTEN LOST EITHER—
You're going to have to work on that.
~~~UGH
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE NOT VERY DIRECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPRESSING YOUR FEELING TOWARDS HER.
YOU PROBABLY GIVE ENOMOTO-SAN A VERY HARD TIME
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.. I'M THE ONE
HAVING A HARD TIME HERE.
~~~

YOU REALLY WANT TO PROTECT HER AND CHERISH HER, AND KEEP HER IN YOUR ARMS,
PFFT.
BUT YOU CAN NEVER STAY CALM ABOUT IT!
I'VE ALREADY HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT THE PAIR OF YOU
THANK YOU ♡
~~~~~
RITSUKO!
SHALL WE DIVIDE AND CONQUER?
OH, A FORK IN THE ROAD
C'mon c'mon
Pick one already
♫
~~~~~

Oh...
But it definitely looks like something happened
Ow ow ow ow...
ARE YOU HURT?
WE TOOK A CAR HERE DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE INN?
OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL INSTEAD?
YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALL RIPPED!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
AH... NO,
NOTHING HAPPENED, REALLY...

Eh?
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'LL BE FINE.
AH!
ARE YOU AFRAID OF US?
IT'S ALRIGHT!
WE'RE NOT BAD PEOPLE
C'MON!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
?!
DON'T BE SO SHY!
What's happening?!
I'M TOTALLY FINE! REALLY!
No!
UMM...
What's going on?!

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LET ME GO! KIDNAPPERS!
KAMAN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE US SUCH A DEROGATORY NAME.
PITY, NOBODY CAN HEAR YOU ANYWAY—
DOF!
THROW
DON'T WORRY. ♡
WE'LL BE OFF IN JUST A BIT.

WHISPERS
THEY DID MEAN...
I TOLD YOU TO LET ME GO!
THIS GIRL, RIGHT...?
YOU DUMB-ASS!
SHUT UP!
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE...?!

SHIVER
~~~~~
Do you want to go back to the inn?
I never said anything about "staying at the inn"!
SFX: SLAM
SFX: CLICK
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
I WASN'T WAITING!
SFX: CLICK
THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO THE INN!!
UKOO
HAHAHA, WOW, REALLY?
OM
~~~~~

What should I do?!
VROOM
RITSUKO-SAN!!
HELP!

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SFX: GRAP X3
HEY...
Uwaa!
LET ME OUT OF HERE!!
MAKE HER SIT BACK DOWN!
SHUT UP ALREADY!
GRIP
GRIP
GRIP
Huh?
SOME-THING'S COMING THIS WAY!

TEXT: "STOP THAT CAR!"
Ritsuko-san!
Rit.
Shoot

SEX CRASH
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?!
Ah...!
SEX SOPRECH
SHIRT TUCKED AWAY!

SFX: SGH
TEXT: "OPEN THE DAMN DOOR!"
開けなさいっ!!
I'LL OPEN UP!
WHOA!
HOLD ON!
WAIT!!

SO?
WHAT WAS ALL THIS ABOUT?
NO IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING
WE WERE GOING TO TAKE HER TO THE HOSPITAL TO GET HELP
THAT'S RIGHT..
IS THAT TRUE?
SHAKE
SHAKE
UH ..
HMM... NOW THIS IS A PROBLEM
I'VE GOT TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS.
NOW WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

EH.. AH... NO, IT'S FINE IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS.
HOW ABOUT THIS?
SINCE YOU CRASHED THE CAR, HOW ABOUT WE CALL THE POLICE FOR TOWING?
WE'RE KINDA IN A RUSH ANYWAY.
IS THAT SO?
Smiles
I'LL SEE YOU AROUND THEN
AH, NOT A PRO-BLEM.
THANK YOU
FOR YOU KIND INTEN-TIONS
BYE!
GEEZ!
HUH?

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, YOU HEAR ME!
AND THOSE TWO GUYS LOOKED SUSPICIOUS AS HELL!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
EVEN KIDS KNOW NOT TO GET IN CARS WITH STRANGERS!
IS THAT UNDER-STOOD?!
AH...
YES MA'AM!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
DON'T MAKE THE SAME MIS-TAKE AGAIN, ALRIGHT?
Girls have to be very careful these days y'know!
I'll teach you a jitsu this next time.
Yes, ma'am!
This person...
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WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HUH——
WHAT?
...isn't as bad as I thought after all
More importantly...
I'M EXHAUS-TED
Uh-huh——
Aww man if I'm gonna be all sore tomor-row
ANYWAY, LET'S JUST HEAD BACK TO THE INN FIRST
Ah, WE'VE GOTTA FIND MIZUKI AS WELL.
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT A DANGE-ROUS SITUATION THAT WAS?!
NO! NO!
OF COURSE NOT!

I'M JUST GLAD
THAT YOU'RE SUCH A NICE PER-SON
—
YOU...
NOW I KNOW WHY MIZUKI CHOSE YOU
HUH?

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ISN'T THIS ALL
A PART OF YAE-SAMA'S PLAN?
...PLAN?
MMHMM.
LIKE HOW SHE INCLUDED JURI-CHAN AS A MARRIAGE CANDIDATE
... AH..
I SEE ..
SHE WAS THE BAIT TO GET YOU AWAY FROM ME. RIGHT?
SO I'D BE ALONE.
YEAH .. Me also

UNBELIE-
VABLE...
I THINK... YAE-SAMA'S GOAL...
WAS TO GET YOU AND RITSUKO-SAN TOGETHER.
HUH?
WHAT?
Nod nod
ME?
WE ALL FELL FOR IT!

ここまで応援して下さった皆様に感謝×２の気持ちを込めまして
１００名様に何か届いてしまう企画を考えてみました。

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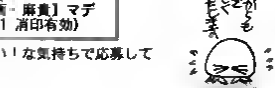
やって下さいまし♥



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